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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11/12/2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by **Kwak (US 6,665,279)**.

Regarding claim 2, shown in **figures 4 & 7** and discussed in **column 6, lines 16-40**, Kwak teaches an apparatus for forming a beam in a base station, comprising:

a plurality of transmitters **200 (see figure 4)** for transmitting signals, the signals being controlled in beam form according to the number of users in the base station;

a coupling block **310 (see figure 7)** for receiving the signals from the transmitters and transmitting the received signals to an antenna side;

a switching controlling block **320 (see figure 7)** for receiving the signals from the coupling block and switching the received signals according to the controlled results to output the switched signals;

an amplifying block (**see column 6, lines 24-26**) for amplifying the signals from said switching controlling block in a certain level and outputting the amplified signals; and a plurality of matrix buffers (**see column 6, lines 29-35**) for receiving the signals from the amplifying block and switching the received signals to antennas to control beam shapes.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Shapira (US 6,640,111)** in view of **Boesel (US 6,286,994)**.

Regarding claim 1, in **figure 4**, Shapira teaches an apparatus for forming a beam in a base station, comprising:

a signal synthesizer/distributor for synthesizing the signals and compensating phases of the signals; at least one channel controller for controlling beams of the signals from the signal synthesizer/distributor according to a demand of a mobile communication terminal, and outputting the controlled beam signals; at least one middle frequency generating block for receiving the signals from the at least one channel controller and synthesizing the signals in each frequency to generate middle frequency signals; at least one transmitter for converting the middle frequency signals received from the at least one middle frequency generating block into signals in a transmitting band; an RFB for amplifying the signals from the at least one transmitter into signals in an output band and controlling phases of transmitting and receiving signals; and an antenna connection block for switching the amplified signals to corresponding antennas of the RFB so that beams can be generated.

Shapira does not clearly teach a plurality of channel cards for processing and outputting signals to be transmitted to each channel.

In **figure 7**, Boesel teaches a plurality of channel cards for processing and outputting signals to be transmitted to each channel. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Shapira and Boesel, altering the cellular communications system of Shapira such that it includes channel cards, for the purpose of processing a digital signal, as is well understood in the art.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dionne N Harvey whose telephone number is 703-305-1111. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-6:30 M-F and alternating Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 703-305-4708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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